



# Maricopa County

## News Release

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## County flu vaccine distribution plan update

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Department of Public Health is on schedule to distribute the flu vaccine doses allocated from the state.

Approximately 6,000 doses are currently being distributed to nursing homes and hospitals, with the remaining doses available to the general public through the county's mail-in distribution plan.

The flu vaccine request forms have been sorted by address proximity to the MCDPH clinic locations, and the first batch of confirmation letters were sent out on Friday. The first clinic will be held Thurs. Nov. 18.

Individuals selected to receive a flu shot will receive a yellow confirmation letter and have vaccine set aside for them. Residents will need to bring the form filled out to their scheduled appointment time. Those chosen need to bring proper identification; and those under the age of 65 need to bring a note from their doctor stating the reasons why they are considered at-risk under the CDC guidelines.

The yellow confirmation form provides each individual a flu shot during the two hour time period listed on the form. Arriving early to your clinic isn't necessary and may increase wait time. A make-up flu clinic will be scheduled for those individuals who are unable to make their scheduled flu shot time. That information will be available at [www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) at a later time.

The Arizona Department of Health Services has notified the county that Arizona will receive an additional number of flu vaccines. Please contact ADHS or your health care provider for details concerning the distribution of vaccine.

Individuals who do not receive a confirmation letter by the end of next week should check with their doctor about later shipped sources of vaccine.

The county still has adequate pediatric doses of the flu vaccines for children six to 23 months old. Please visit [www.cir.org](http://www.cir.org) or [www.maricopa.gov/flu](http://www.maricopa.gov/flu) for clinic times, days and locations.

"We would like to thank the public and the media for assisting the department in this difficult situation," said Dr. Robert Jones, Director of Bio-Defense Preparedness and Response. "Your patience and cooperation has and is appreciated."

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